A/B, 5, 59/1

18 September 1951

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

SUBJECT: Conversation with [redacted] and [redacted] C
13 September 1951 in [redacted]

C 1. [redacted] stated he felt the problems were so complex that a time schedule was out of the question at the present time.

A 2. [redacted] pointed out the need for initiating some research of our own to keep the cooperation of the people who were serious enough about it to be actually maintaining projects.

3. The immediate use of the one meeting symposia was considered as a means of obtaining a concensus of qualified opinion which would also suggest specific projects.

C 4. On the problem of the potentialities of hypnosis it was agreed that [redacted] could talk to [redacted] to obtain the names of qualified psychologists who might be able to discuss the question. As a result of their interest in hypnosis.

C 5. It was agreed that [redacted] might be a person for [redacted] to approach should a qualified psychologist be sought for a survey.

C 6. [redacted] said he thought we should, in the early stages, use psychologists rather than psychiatrists as they usually were more at home in the use of controlled and reproduceable conditions.

C B 7. [redacted] stated he knew [redacted] at the [redacted] who was a great expert on autonomic response. In view of the [redacted] project and the project to be initiated at [redacted] could consider talking to [redacted] at a future date.

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8. Both gentlemen reiterated the fact that [redacted] was greatly interested in both hypnosis and interrogation and looked forward to [redacted] having many specific project suggestions. C

C 9. [redacted] was interested to hear of [redacted] but raised question as to whether or not he could make the pharmacological survey from the point of view of being well enough known in America to be accepted as a professional colleague. A

C A 10. [redacted] had no suggestions relative to the research project chart which [redacted] was to undertake.

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11. A [redacted] was mentioned as an experimenter interested in mescaline. He was thought to have certain traits which might limit his usefulness.

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12. [redacted] felt in the physiological and psychological lines of activity we could narrow the problem to five major problems:

a. A thorough study of interview techniques and methods.

b. The boundaries of hypnotic phenomena. (See 4. above).

c. Evaluation of deception detecting devices. (See 7. above).

d. Evaluation of basic physiological studies relating to the project. The author himself might be considered as someone to do this if he could be cleared. [redacted], author of [redacted], is on leave [redacted] but [redacted] felt an evaluation of his work would be valuable.) [redacted] author of [redacted]" might be too individualistic.)

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e. Obtain a copy of the report of the [redacted] of [redacted] on "[redacted]--study the report and carry on research where they left off, using the knowledge developed in the last five years about the function of the adrenal cortex. Valuable supplementary material is in the [redacted]

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13. [redacted] was glad to hear he could now talk to [redacted] stated that [redacted] experience in interrogation in [redacted] was certain to yield valuable material.

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14. [redacted] came away with the impression that the breadth of the problem will make it necessary for full time personnel on the problem to take an active part in outlining the actual scientific problem to be investigated. This became evident through the facts that the situation chart to be prepared by [redacted] F office will probably represent many uncontrolled conditions. The basic research to establish foreign capabilities will have to be based on controlled conditions which have to be chosen from the great variety of specific situations which are actually encountered in practice.

A [redacted]

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A/B, 5, 59/2

18 September 1951

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

SUBJECT: Conversation with [redacted] 13 September 1951, in [redacted]

1. [redacted] agreed that setting up a program of investigation in the psychiatric and psychologic aspects of the problem was of first importance. [redacted] asked if a time schedule should be developed for setting up such a program. [redacted] said that could not be done that afternoon wit[redacted]

2. [redacted] informed [redacted] that at the meeting of 1 August the panel felt two or three highly skilled persons should be hired on a temporary but full-time basis to collect all the significant information relating to the major aspects of the problem. These were thought to be three:

hypnosis
physiology
use of drugs in psychological treatment

[redacted] stated the need for immediate short-term problems as these experts could not be readily hired and would not produce project outlines until their reports were in, which would mean about six months delay.

[redacted]

[redacted]

A/B, 5, 59/3

26 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: Conversation with [redacted] C

1. I talked to [redacted] C yesterday on the phone. On 16 August he saw [redacted] The results were almost wholly negative. He will discuss the matter further with us in person but feels that there is nothing of positive value which would justify a formal written report of his visit.

[redacted] A

[redacted]

A/B, 5, 59/4

8 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

SUBJECT: [redacted] visit to Washington C

C [redacted] visited Washington on 7 August 1951 and discussed the following matters with the persons indicated:

A [redacted] and [redacted]

1. He delivered a copy of the statement developed by the Panel after its meeting in [redacted] on 1 August.

2. He further discussed the points listed therein:

2 a of General Notes - A review and evaluation of interrogation methods. [redacted] will conduct the survey evaluating; placement, clinical, police, etc., interviews. He is searching to find the person who can assist him on a part time basis, or temporary full-time basis. The names of [redacted] and [redacted] have been suggested. (See memo to [redacted] dated 6 August 1951)

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2 of Technical Areas - [redacted] is now engaged in some work with the polygraph which will probably have valuable by-products for Bluebird.

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3 of Technical Areas - Hypnosis - The Panel felt that information obtained under hypnosis may be largely the individuals phantasies and dreams. Until a thorough study of hypnosis has been made, the panel will defer any statement as to its role in this project.

3 of Plan of Attack - The reason for the deferment of an evaluation of intelligence reports about [redacted] ctivity is that evaluation is impossible until we have a firm matrix of scientifically established facts against which they can be compared for credibility, etc.

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3. [redacted] informed [redacted] that at a briefing [redacted] and made a statement that the [redacted] were not behind in psychiatry. He was considering having [redacted] give the panel a briefing on [redacted] activity when appropriate.

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4. [redacted] stated that while he realized narco-hypnosis will take a long time to thoroughly investigate, he wished the panel to keep a continuing interest in this phase of Bluebird.

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C a. He desired to follow up [redacted]'s interest; and

b. The chief Bluebird field operations have been closely allied to it.

[redacted]

C 5. [redacted] ted the panel anticipated its general financial requirement to be about $25,000 in the next few months.

B/3 6. An arrangement similar, to that for the [redacted] roject was discussed. Possible use of the [redacted] project is to be considered where appropriate. If dealing with a new contractor a larger number of projects should be agreed upon than would be specifically outlined in the beginning. This expedites the placing of project contracts later.

A C 7. [redacted] asked [redacted] to remind the panel to keep in mind the need for development of defensive methods. He told him of the agencies awareness of existing dangers and the indoctrination of overseas employees relative to acceptance of medical care.

A-C B 8. [redacted] asked [redacted] o contact [redacted] C This man's specialty has been servo-mechanisms, but he has stated that he knew of an experiment which would prove the possibility of long term conditioning of subjects.

C A G 9. [redacted] gave [redacted] a list of books which should be purchased for the use of the panel in [redacted] approved this A purchase.

A [redacted]

10. The chart relative to situations and what has proven effective (See minutes of meeting July 23rd, Item D-2). The Panel desires this as a means of focusing its attention on the most important areas. [redacted] A is sending a memo to [redacted] referring to the questions stated by [redacted] will answer by August 20th and supplementary information will be requested relative to effectiveness of methods from [redacted] C before showing to the Panel the chart will be referred to [redacted] A and [redacted].

A 11. [redacted] described briefly the segregation of references to Bluebird in [redacted] or other areas. The references will then be further correlated and intelligence projects developed. [redacted] agreed B/3 this was a useful complementary activity.

A [redacted]